

SANYASI, OR THE ASCETIC

Sanyasi, outside the cave

THE division of days and
nights is not
for me, nor that of months
and years.
For me, the stream of time
has
stopped, on whose waves
dances the
world, like straws and twigs.
In this
dark cave I am alone, merged
in my-
self,—and the eternal night
is still,
like a mountain lake afraid of
its own
depth. Water possesses, and
drips from
the cracks, and in the pools
float the
ancient frogs* I sit chanting
the in-
cantation of nothingness. The
world's
limits recede, line after line—
—Th«